

Navy Seabees and Air Force compete in annual Seabee Olympics

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Sailors from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific Seabee Self-help, NAVFAC wardroom, and Air Force engineers, competed in the Seabee Olympics held Feb. 22 at Quick Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The events are held annually one week prior to the Seabee Ball to build camaraderie between the different Seabee commands with a series of events that test building skills, strength, speed and coordination.

"It goes before the Seabee Ball in celebration of the Seabee birthday," said Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Vincent Pasetes, assigned to CBMU 303. "Once a year, we do games that promote camaraderie, but they also reflect what we do as far as the construction side and engineering side. It's a little fun thing every year."

This year also marks the 71st anniversary of the Navy Seabees and the 161st anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps.

The competition included a nail-drive rally race, ultimate frisbee, flag football and a humvee push. The teams also competed in a building project in which each team was given a limited amount of materials to design and build something that was functional, durable and creative.

Steelworker 2nd Class Jeff Conmy remarked upon the significance of the Air Force participating in the Seabee Olympics and how the event might be with the involvement of other branches of the military.

"It's great to get the other branches out here," Conmy said. "It would be awesome if we could get some Army engineers and maybe even some Marine Corps combat engineers out here. It's always good to just bring everybody; every branch has their specialty. Just seeing that, what they bring to the table, always makes everybody stronger," Conmy concluded.

The mission of CBMU 303 is to provide the Navy and Marine Corps with technically trained personnel and specialized equipment to perform public works functions at advance bases of a contingency construction nature. They also backfill public works organizations of existing bases or civilian facilities with imminent danger or other emergency situations.

Balanced attack helps Port Royal ‘A’ beat Lake Erie ‘A’

Story and photo by
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USS Port Royal (CG 73) “A” mirrored 18 points in the first and second half to hold off USS Lake Erie (CG 70) “A” by a score of 36-29, in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game played held Feb. 23, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win catapulted Port Royal into sole possession of first place with an unblemished record of 4-0, while Lake Erie lost their first game of the season and dropped to 3-1.

During the game, Lake Erie fought back to pull to within a couple of baskets several times, but Port Royal was able to beat back every threat to maintain their lead.

“We just tried to play our game,” said Port Royal guard Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins, who chipped in with nine points. “When we saw them (Lake Erie) scoring, reality set in, and we had to keep it up because we want to win. Every time they scored, it was like they were taking something away from us, so we had to go take it back. We’re hungry.”

Early in the first half, Lake Erie guard Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Christopher Bouie led the first comeback with back-to-back baskets to cut Port Royal’s lead to one at 9-8.

However, Port Royal rebounded to squash the first of many Lake Erie rallies and take an 18-12 lead into halftime.

After intermission, a basket by Lake Erie Fire Controlman 3rd Class Rodney Williams made it a two-point game at 18-16, but a trey and a lay-up by Port Royal team captain Seaman London Waldon raised the lead back to seven and, four minutes later, Hawkins posted a hoop for the team’s first double-digit lead at 27-17.

Back-to-back baskets, again by Bouie, cut the lead down to six at 27-21, but that’s as close as Lake Erie would get before being put away for good by Port Royal.

Bouie led Lake Erie with 11 points and was followed by Williams with eight, while Waldon, who led all scorers with 14 points, combined with Hawkins to score 23 of Port Royal’s 36 total points.

Besides coming up with



USS Port Royal (CG 73) “A” guard Quartermaster 2nd Class Brian Myles goes up for a lay-up.

big hoops when needed, Port Royal also managed to stay ahead by playing solid defense — especially on the inside, where the team held Lake Erie big man Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Chris Penn without a single point.

“We were boxing out and playing strong defense,” Hawkins pointed out. “They

in better shape right now,” Bouie admitted. “We were a step slow, so it cost us both offensively and defensively.”

Should the teams meet again later in the season or playoffs, Bouie said that Lake Erie would be ready.

“We can play with this team definitely,” Bouie stated. “We need to keep the same intensity, but just be

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—Port Royal guard Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins

got good guys on their team, but we got good guys on our team as well. We just came with a certain intensity that we’re not going to lose. We came like we wanted to win and that’s what we did today.”

Bouie, who twice brought Lake Erie to within striking distance, said that while both teams matched up well, Port Royal might have had the advantage on endurance. “They were just, honestly,

more disciplined. We had a lot of turnovers, so we gave a lot of opportunities away.”

As for Port Royal, Hawkins said that after opening the season with four straight wins, the team just wants to do whatever it takes to keep the streak alive.

“We’re just going to do our thing,” he said. “We went undefeated in football (regular season), we’re trying to do the same thing in basketball.”

NIOC takes care of business to overwhelm SDVT-1

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On paper, it appeared that the defending champions Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) and SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1) were two teams headed in opposite directions, and once the game got underway, it became clear just how much they stood apart.

Entering the matchup, NIOC won six games against only one defeat, while SDVT-1, at 0-5, was looking for their first win of the season.

However on this night, SDVT-1 was left still searching as NIOC opened up a 27-4 lead at halftime and ran away to a 55-14 romp Feb. 25 in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center.

“We’ve been playing kind of lackadaisical lately and this game, we were finally able to get back to basics,” said NIOC sharp-shooting guard Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class Michael Lyles, who pumped in 15 points. “When you lose a game, it’s a wakeup call that you guys aren’t undefeatable. So we needed to go back to basics and play hard.”

Right from tip-off, NIOC took control and only seven minutes into the game, posted their first double-digit lead at 11-2 on a put-back shot by center Navy Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Quentin Leathers.

Then just before halftime, Leathers asserted himself

once again in throwing down a two-handed slam for a 20-point advantage at 24-4.

Right after intermission, NIOC immediately picked up right where they left off as Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Jomario Thomas completed a basket-and-one for a 30-4 lead.

Moments later, Lyles went off to put the game away for good.

Within one minute, Lyles scored on back-to-back lay-ups off of two steals and then

said that we’re going to work on some fundamental things,” Bobbitt pointed out. “So we trapped a couple of times because we don’t want to wait until we get to a game situation to have to use it. And at the end, we worked on a different aspect of our offense, which is the four-corner.”

While it may seem like NIOC was pouring it on SDVT-1, Bobbitt said that the team needed to work on a few things at game speed and the lopsided

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—Master Chief Yeoman Darrin Bobbitt

added two more hoops to put NIOC ahead at 44-7 with 9:36 remaining in the game.

Lyles finally finished off his amazing run by pulling up and nailing a three-pointer for the corner for a 51-9 lead.

“It’s a mental thing mostly,” said Lyles, who added that the huge lead helped him relax and play his game. “It definitely allows you more breathing room to get your fundamentals back together.”

Even though the game was in NIOC’s full control from the beginning, head coach Master Chief Yeoman Darrin Bobbitt said that it wasn’t time to take the night off.

“Well, me and assistant coach Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Chris Webb,

game presented the perfect opportunity.

“I don’t coach to the score,” he explained. “What I always want my guys to do is give 110 percent because what we do on the court equates to what we do in life. When we talk to these guys, it’s not just about their basketball game. It’s about their whole life, the whole Sailor.”

In comparing last year’s championship squad with the new personnel on the current team, Lyles said that while a few faces have changed, NIOC still plays like winners.

“I think we’re there,” he said. “We’re a different team, but the heart and intensity that we bring is the same.”



Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class J’mese White, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), attacks the basket during a Blue Division game against SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1).

MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN WARRIOR DASH HAWAII

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WAIALUA, Hawaii — More than 500 military service members from all branches of service participated alongside civilian contestants Feb. 23 in the 2013 Warrior Dash Hawaii.

The Warrior Dash event was a 5 kilometer (3.17 mile) run that involved 12 military training-style obstacles runners had to crawl, climb, jump or swim through, including water obstacles, cargo nets, barbed wire, fire and a mud pit, on the way to the finish line.

This is the second time the event has been held on the North Shore of Hawaii. In addition to the varying terrain and obstacles, periodic rain showers kept the course muddy and participants soaking wet.

“Two years in a row I got to run in the rain, makes the run that much better,” said Joey Iverson, a successful finisher of the event.

There are 65 other locations throughout the U.S. scheduled to hold Warrior Dash this year, with an expected turn out of more than 1,000,000 participants.

Hosted by Red Frog Events, Warrior Dash is also a partner with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and works

with local organizations in exchange for them providing volunteers. By volunteering, local organizations such as athletic teams, nearby schools and non-profit organizations are able to help raise funds.

They also work with organizations that clean all the muddy shoes donated after the race by participants at each Warrior Dash. The shoes are then restored and delivered to charity organizations.

Each finisher received a warrior medal as they crossed the finish line and then headed to water hoses to use as a cold shower. Participants also received a T-shirt with the event’s logo and a Viking-horned hat.

Many participants wore costumes and/or face paint, and one team of Soldiers took turns carrying a U.S. Army flag. Individual times were scored for all the finishing participants, or “warriors.”

“Warrior Dash is excited to be celebrating its five-year anniversary of challenging participants to the craziest frickin’ day of their lives,” said Rachel Brinda, race director. “We will continue to create an experience warriors will never forget with our demanding obstacles and one-of-a-kind festival area.”



15th Medical Group stands alone atop Gold Division

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The 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) took a 10-point lead midway through the second half and then held on to beat Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), 35-33, in a battle of the top two teams in the Blue Division held Feb. 26 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Two free throws and a basket by military spouse Benjamin Briggs gave the 15 MDG a 27-17 lead with 12:08 remaining in the game, but saw their advantage slowly disappear behind the strong frontline play of JPAC’s Yeoman 2nd Class Sammell Humphries and Operations Specialist 2nd Class Byron Jones.

Clinging to a 33-31 lead, Medical Group’s Staff Sgt. C.J. Lejeune calmly sank two free throws with 33 seconds on the clock to give his team just enough to gain the win.

Both teams entered the matchup at the top of the Gold Division with identical 6-1 records.

With the victory, the 15 MDG sits all alone in first place, a position that Briggs hopes will continue throughout the season.

“Hopefully, a championship this year,” Briggs said. “We didn’t have a great season last year. We hope to make it up this year.”

In the showdown of the division leaders, both teams started off cold until the 15 MDG went on a short run to take a 17-9 advantage at halftime.

The teams traded baskets

to open the second half before four straight points by Briggs seemed to give the 15 MDG some breathing room.

However, rallying behind Humphries and Jones, JPAC slowly chipped away at the lead. And when Humphries raised the roof with a two-handed jam at the 6:24 mark, JPAC trailed by only five at 29-24.

After 15 MDG center Yeoman 3rd Class Erieck Ausbey scored to make it 31-26, JPAC came right back to pull to within two

recorded all of his seven points in the second half, but teammate Jones led all scorers with 17 points.

“They (JPAC) had a beast (Jones) over there and he was doing some work,” said 15 MDG head coach Tech. Sgt. Givon Denning about JPAC’s strong comeback. “We called a timeout, got our composure back and went back to doing what was winning.”

Even though JPAC ate up a 10-point deficit, Denning said that he was still happy to walk off the

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—Benjamin Briggs

points with only 3:18 left on the clock when Jones pounded the inside for a basket-and-one.

JPAC had one final chance to tie the score after the free throws by Lejeune, but a three-point shot at the buzzer fell short.

“We got a little bit comfortable, but at the end, it came down to defense,” Briggs said. “We had to get tougher. They were going pretty hard to the basket, so we had to man up and keep them out of the paint.”

Briggs led the 15 MDG with 11 points and was followed by Ausbey and Staff Sgt. Uriah Seui with six and Lejeune with five.

For JPAC, Humphries

court with a win.

“We’re never disappointed,” he admitted. “At the end of the day, we’re just trying to get better as a team. It was a good, grinding win. We’re going to have to put these types of games away.”

Like Briggs, Denning said that if the team continues to improve its game, winning a championship isn’t out of the question.

“We’re definitely capable,” he stated. “We’ve been working on our communication, passing, moving without the ball and making sure everyone is focused and disciplined to stay in their spot. That’s what going to get us there.”



Post-players Operations Specialist 2nd Class Byron Jones, Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), and Yeoman 3rd Class Erieck Ausbey, 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), fight for a rebound.

Reuben James Sailor’s poetic midnight log treasured by family

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The family of U.S. Navy Quartermaster 3rd Class Patrick Cunliffe, assigned to the USS Reuben James (FFG 57), has proudly framed and displayed his midnight log entry in their home.

As part of Navy historical tradition, Cunliffe wrote the midnight log as he stood watch aboard the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided missile frigate Reuben James to usher in the year 2013 while Cunliffe and the rest of the crew were on deployment operating in the South China Sea. In keeping with Navy tradition, Cunliffe posted the ship's New Year's log entry.

Cunliffe's sister Erin proudly had the log framed and gave it to their parents, Charles and Donna Cunliffe, to hang on their home's wall.

"I finally had everything put together and presented the framed midnight log to my parents... No real words were exchanged at this moment, but I could see the overwhelming pride in their smiles and eyes."

my parents. To say the least, they were very excited. It was a very special moment we shared as a family. No real words were exchanged at this moment, but I could see the overwhelming pride in their smiles and eyes," said Erin. "I visited my parents to find they had hung the framed

midnight log on the wall, so that any guest would immediately see it upon entering their home," Erin added. Reuben James is on a routine deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility and will decommission this summer after 27 years of service. FFG 57 is the third Navy ship to have the name Reuben James. The first ship was DD 245, which was sunk during World War II, and the second was DE 153, decommissioned in 1947. The Reuben James was

commissioned March 22, 1986 and was named after a U.S. Navy Sailor who distinguished himself fighting the Barbary pirates.

According to Navy Live, the official blog of the U.S.

Navy, no one knows for sure how the tradition of poetic New Year's deck log entries began, but it is believed to have begun between the world wars. In 2004 Stars & Stripes reporter Jason Chudy wrote a piece about New Year's deck logs. Cunliffe's midnight log can be found on Navy Live at <http://1.usa.gov/WgNtcG>

More information about the official nature of ships' deck logs can be found on the web site of the Naval History and Heritage Command, <http://1.usa.gov/131WdAf>

For examples of other New Year's deck log entries, check out a developing collection of them at the web site of The Deck Log Project: www.decklog-project.org.



(Right): Charles, Donna and Erin Cunliffe admire Navy Quartermaster 3rd Class Patrick Cunliffe's framed midnight log.

USS Reuben James Midnight Log Entry Composed by QM3 Patrick Cunliffe

Continued the watch underway as before, with warship Five Seven on her final tour.

The crew lay asleep in their comfy racks, entrusting their shipmates would have their backs.

The night was so peaceful, like many before, as the watch teams waited for what lie in store.

"Boats" stood by with bells at the ready, while the helm held the ship at a course that was steady.

"Wheels" at his table with the primary plot, CIC too, though needed he will likely be not.

Navigation lights burning ever so bright, as this fine Navy vessel sails through the night.

Modified Zebra set main deck and below, Darken ship too, with no white lights to show.

The ship in condition of readiness three with nothing in sight, in this wide open sea, no quarrel, no fight.

The ship is steaming ever so free, with the mighty fine power of one GTE.

Cold is the ship from number 1 and 3 AC's, about it I'll tell you of the SSDG's.

1 and 3 are creating the power, so after this watch we can all have hot showers.

1, 3 and 5 fire pumps are all at the ready, to stop any fires that may catch us unsteady.

Number 1 HPAC and number 2 LPAC are both also online, with those guys in CCS who are one of a kind.

Number 2 reefer runs all through the night, to keep our great Navy chow just ever so right.

1st Lt. has the Conn, NAV has the deck, with mustaches combed tight to take on the night.

TrainO looks out over the seas, as he stands watch as the JOOD.

Our esteemed Captain lay just right below, his crew at the ready, this he knows.

2012 has gone by so fast, warship Five Seven completed her tasks.

A new year is here, of this we all know, but don't you worry, REUBEN JAMES will set the tone.

To our families back home have a Happy New Year, we send you our love and our holiday cheer.

Our Shipmates world-wide look back with remembrance, we are fightin' '57, "BACK WITH A VENGEANCE!"

December 31, 2012

Sons of Anarchy meet-and-greet events to be held March 17

Two Sons of Anarchy free meet-and-greet events will be held March 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The events will be held at 9:45 a.m. at Makai Recreation Center and at 3:30 p.m. at Club Pearl's Brews & Cues.

Three of the TV show's celebrities will be in attendance, including Kim Coates (Tig), Mark Boone Jr. (Bobbie) and Dayton Callie (Unser). John Theo Rossi (Juice) will not be in attendance at this event.

Fans can bring their cameras to take photos. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

Sons of Anarchy is an FX cable network TV drama series created by Kurt Sutter

about the lives of a close-knit outlaw motorcycle club operating in Charming, a fictional town in California's Central Valley.

For more information, call 449-7790.



Bodybuilder Jay Cutler weighs in at NEX



Photo by Kalvin Vaughn

At an off-season weight of 295 pounds, Jay Cutler defines the term "mass-monster" and he has a reputation as the hardest-working bodybuilder. A World's Best Bodybuilder and Mr. Olympia titleholder, Cutler took pictures with fans, signed autographs and showed off his famous stage pose Feb. 15 at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

Try the 'Flavors of Asia' at upcoming event

A wine and travel affair "Flavors of Asia" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. March 14 at Tradewinds Enlisted Oahu Room. The cost of the event is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members. The event is for participants 21 years and over only.

Reservations are recommended.

The event is presented by Tradewinds Enlisted Club and Travel Connections. For more information or to reserve your spot, call 448-2271, ext. 226.

Events planned for Women's History Month at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will commemorate Women's History Month throughout the month of March at the following events:

- Women's Military Leadership Panel featuring Col. Christine Gayagas (ret.), Col. Eva Jenkins, Cmdr. Kate Dolloff, Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Jayne and Chief Fire Controlman Natalie Stein from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13 at the Makai Recreation Center, McChord Street, building 1859. This is a brown-bag (bring your own lunch) event.
- Meet Elizabeth Blackwell: Library Event for School-Aged Children from 2 to 3 p.m. March 20 at the Hickam Library, 990 Mills Blvd., building 595.

- One-Note Training on Microsoft 2010 at 11:30 a.m. March 21 at the 15th Wing Conference Room.

• "How to Achieve Your Highest Potential and Help Others Reach Theirs" Leadership Development Seminar featuring Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Rear Adm. Raquel Bono and Col. Eva Jenkins from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 29 at Hickam Memorial Theater, Kuntz Avenue, building 1766. This is a brown bag event.

Those who plan to attend should register in advance at <https://usaf.evanced.info/hickam/sr/homepage.asp>.

For more information, call 449-8296 or email phyllis.frenzel@navy.mil.

Morale Welfare & Recreation

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Entries for the Hickam Library’s Annual Creative Writing Contest are being accepted now through March 31. Judging begins on April1, and awards will be presented on April 20. Prizes in two divisions (short story and poetry) will be awarded in all age categories (children, young adult and adult). FMI: 449-8299.

DIVE-IN MOVIE

A free movie showing of “Meet the Robinsons” will take place at Hickam Pool Two tonight. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 448-2223.

\$1 BOWLING

Bowling and shoe rental are \$1 each on the first Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Escape Bowling Center. FMI: 473-2651.

ST. PADDY’S DAY 5K RUN

The St. Paddy’s Day 5k Run will take place at 8 a.m. March 16. The race starts and finishes at the Hickam Fitness Center. Runners are encouraged to wear St. Paddy’s Day costumes. Prizes will be awarded for best costume. This free event is open to all eligible patrons and their guests. No registration is required. FMI: 448-2214.

KO’OLINA WHALE WATCH TOUR

There will be whale watching tours to Ko’olina from noon to 3: 45 p.m. on March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$35 for children ages 3-11, and includes round trip transportation from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

SWIM LESSONS

Scott Pool and Hickam Pool Two are offering a variety of swim lessons beginning Saturday. Classes are divided into three age groups: 17 and older, 5-16 years old, and 3-4 years old. Classes are held on Saturday mornings. The cost is \$30 per student per session. FMI: Call Hickam Pool Two at 449-0142 or Scott Pool at 473-0394.

BOWLING, PIZZA WITH LIBERTY

There will be free bowling and pizza with Liberty on Monday. Departures are from Liberty Express 3:45 p.m. at, Beeman Center at 4:15 p.m., Instant Liberty at 4:30 p.m., and Makai Recreation Center at 4:45 p.m. This event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY BRUNCH

The Officers’ Club will hold its annual St. Patrick’s Day champagne brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 17. The brunch will feature Irish dishes such as corned beef, cabbage and shepherd’s pie. The cost is \$24.95 for adults, \$13.50 for children ages 7-12, \$8.25 for children ages 4-6, and free for children ages 3 and under. Reservations are required, and all ranks are welcome. FMI: 448-4608.



RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG)

Rise of the Guardians is an epic adventure that tells the story of a group of heroes — each with extraordinary abilities. When an evil spirit known as Pitch lays down the gauntlet to take over the world, the immortal Guardians must join forces for the first time to protect the hopes, beliefs and imagination of children all over the world.

SHARKEY THEATER
is closed
for renovations
until June.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/01

6:00 PM Wreck-it Ralph 3D (PG)

SATURDAY 3/02

4:00 Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG)
7:00 Studio Appreciation Advance Screening – Free Admission – Phantom (R) Tickets available at your local Exchange Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 3/03

2:00 Parental Guidance (PG)

Community Calendar

MARCH

1 — The next Family Fun Run will be held with units assembling no later than 6:55 a.m. Assemble with your units in the grassy mall area between the 15th Wing Headquarters Building and Freedom Tower. There will be no required formation running. Families, children and strollers are welcome, but pets are prohibited. FMI: Tech Sgt. Tracey Gilmore at 449-1228.

1 — The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam “Giant Voice” works in conjunction with Honolulu’s outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

2 — Girl’s Day with Hello Kitty will take place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, children’s department. FMI: 423-3287.

4 **TO 27** — The Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS) is scheduled to receive upgrades. During this time, the system will be unavailable and personnel transactional assistance will be limited. FMI: email Capt. Cedric Holley or Master Sgt. Marcus Johnson at 647fss.fsmp@us.af.mil.

8 — Air Force spouses are invited to join the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MFSC Hickam for a Heart Link seminar meeting with other Air Force spouses. Free lunch will be provided. Free childcare may be available. FMI: 449-0300.

23 — Breakfast with the Easter bunny will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor NEX food court lanai. Following the meal, there will be entertainment, games, prize giveaways, a jelly bean guessing contest, face painting and balloon-twisting. Tickets will go on sale in the first week in March. FMI: 423-3287.

APRIL

1 — The next semester of on-base college classes starts April 1. Sign-ups for will be conducted at the Navy College Office (building 679) and the Air Force Education Center (hangar 2) from now to March 29. Several colleges are offering undergraduate and graduate level classes, meeting once a week for 10 weeks or twice a week for five weeks. FMI: visit the base education offices or call 473-5754.

6 — The Ford Island Bridge Run will be held at 7 a.m. The 10K Run will start at the entrance to Adm. Bernard “Chick” Clarey Bridge. Entry fee is \$20 for military and their family members and \$25 for non-military. Entry deadline is March 22. The bridge will be closed from 6:50 to 7:05 a.m. April 6. FMI: 473-0784, 473-2499 or 473-2437.

Movie Showtimes



Events celebrate African American History Month

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Hickam African American Heritage Association held several events in February to celebrate African American History Month.

The events included an Apollo-style" talent show held Feb. 16 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club with a \$200 cash prize.

Airman 1st Class Trenecia Carroll of the 15th Operations Support Squadron (15 OSS) earned the \$200 prize with her version of "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner.

The talent show featured a total of eight performers portraying musical legends such as Etta James, Stevie Wonder, Lauren Hill and Whitney Houston. More than 114 people attended.

Other events to celebrate the month included a GospelFest and Taste of Soul held Feb. 23 at Hickam Main Chapel. and an

African American History Month luncheon Feb. 27 at the Hickam Officers Club.

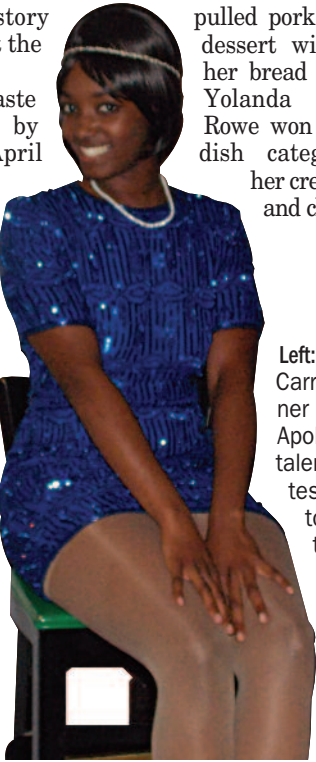
The GospelFest and Taste of Soul was organized by Senior Master Sgt. April Gaines.

"We had four choirs, two praise teams and praise hula entertain over 200 guests," said Staff Sgt. Kimberly Blackmon, one of the participants.

"For the Taste of Soul, we fed over 200 people various soul food dishes including fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens...etc.," Blackmon added.

Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett, Chief Master Sgt. Marlin Hill and Senior Airman Justin Stinson were the judges who selected Marcia Steele as the entree winner for her

pulled pork and the dessert winner for her bread pudding. Yolanda English-Rowe won the side dish category for her creamy mac and cheese.



Left: Trenecia Carroll, winner of the Apollo-style talent contest, waits to take the stage.



The judges' table at the Taste of Soul.



Shaun Zarki performs Whitney Houston's "I Have Nothing"

Highlights from this week in USAF and PACAF history

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PACAF Historian

- On Feb. 26, 1945, Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commanding general, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean areas, disappeared on a B-24 flight en route from the Marshall Islands to Hawaii. Despite an intensive search by aircraft and surface vessels, no trace of the plane was ever found. Brig Gen. James R. Andersen, Harmon's chief of staff, was also on the flight. Andersen Air Force Base is named in his honor.

- From March 1 to 4, 1943, the Battle of the Bismarck Sea took place. Crews of the Fifth Air Force and the

Royal Australian Air Force flying out of Port Moresby, New Guinea attacked a convoy of Japanese reinforcements and their main air base at Lae.

Allied bombers, including heavily armed B-25s with forward- and side-firing guns, used innovative skip-bombing to wreak havoc on the Japanese convoy of eight troop transports, eight destroyers and two cruisers.

Out of 6,900 Japanese troops who were badly needed in New Guinea, only about 800 made it to Lae. As Gen. George C. Kenney later reported, "In the space of 12 minutes, we had destroyed or damaged 114,000 tons of Japanese shipping, shot down or destroyed on the ground 85 airplanes."



U.S. Air Force photo

The 3rd Bomb Group is shown here attacking Japanese shipping in March 1943.

March 9 concert to feature opera, Broadway songs

Hawaii Opera Theater and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a free concert event called Great American Voices at 7 p.m. March 9 at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. Open seating will begin at 6 p.m. The concert will consist of an evening of melodies from opera and Broadway.

Tickets or reservations are not needed for attending the concert. Seating is open and on a first-come, first-served basis, excluding reserved seating for customers attending a wine pairing.

The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. Drinks and a limited pupu menu are available for purchase.

Crisp *aloha* attire is recommended (no shorts, slippers or T-shirts.)

The concert is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Prior to the concert, a wine, cheese and olive pairing will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$18 per person.

By attending the tasting, participants will also receive priority seating at the concert, and a brief synopsis will be given by a Hawaii Opera Theatre representative.

No children will be allowed at the tasting.

Pre-paid reservations for the tasting are required by March 7. Call 448-4608 for tasting reservations.

For more information, visit the website www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0606.



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MCBH Career and Education Fair planned for March 15

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) will hold the annual Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH) Career and Education Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 15 at Kahuna’s Enlisted Club.

The fair is a free event and will be open to the military community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The employment portion of the fair will feature more than 40 companies and government agencies from within the state and the mainland as well as MCCS.

Interested applicants will have the opportunity to speak to recruiters and representatives from participating companies and agencies, apply for vacant positions or pick up applications, and research the job market. Job seekers are encouraged to come prepared with multiple copies of their resume and dressed for

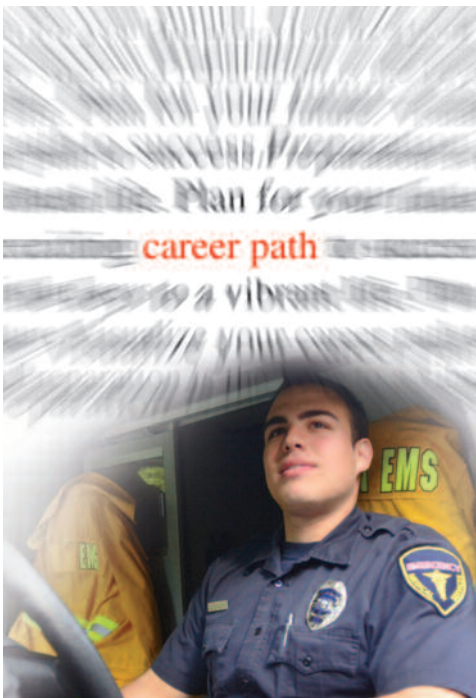
potential interviews onsite.

The education portion will consist of the base education center, 15 on-base colleges and universities, the National Test Center and the Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support.

Base access will be provided for the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have a valid driver’s license, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance ready. Due to the professional nature of this event, children will not be permitted.

A complete list of participating employers will be available on the Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) website at www.jemsjobs.com in early March.

For more information, call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program at 257-7787 or 257-7790 or the education center at 257-2158.



Discover your future in aviation at Pacific Aviation Museum

Young people interested in aviation as a career or hobby, schools, Scouts and families can attend an event titled “Discover Your Future in Aviation” from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 23 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The event will feature hands-on workshops, a career fair, flight lab and interactive science exhibits. Participants can enter to win aviation prizes and take photos with aviation’s costumed characters such as Amelia Earhart, Rosie the Riveter, a Zero pilot, and friends. Girl and Boy Scouts can also fulfill objectives for badge programs.

“It’s a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with aviation

professionals and learn more about careers in aviation and the related sciences,” according to Ken DeHoff, museum executive director.

The event is free with regular museum admission and free to museum members. To attend, purchase general admission tickets online at PacificAviationMuseum.org.

For more information, call 441-1005 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org.



Audition to become Joint Base Idol

Auditions are underway to become the first Joint Base Idol.

Auditions will be held March 1 and 22 at Club Pearl Country Bar and March 8 and 15 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club on the Hickam side of the base. All auditions will be held from 3 to 6 p.m.

The top 10 from the auditions will perform the final

night at 7 p.m. April 13 at Hickam Memorial Theater.

All 10 performers will receive a gift card. The top three performers and the big winner will receive additional prizes. An after-party will take place at J. R. Rockers.

Join the discussion on Twitter @jointbaseidol.

For information, call 347-5157.

Blood drive schedule updated

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP). Currently scheduled drives include:

March 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, 850 Ticonderoga St.

March 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center


For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

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“Leadership is a two-way street, loyalty up and loyalty down.”

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“Go forward, knowing that you are greater than the challenges of your time.”

—Leon Panetta

This Week’s Trivia

What are the official Navy colors?

Last Issue’s Question:

When did formal dedication of new Hawaii Air National Guard facilities at the former Hickam Air Force Base take place?

Answer:

On Feb. 17, 1962, formal dedication of new Hawaii Air National Guard facilities at Hickam included participation by the governor, state adjutants of the Army and Air Force National Guards, and the Hickam base commander. A fly-by of HIANG F-102 jets in the morning ceremony was followed by an open house attended by an estimated 10,000 people.